

10 including the step of recording autologous blood availability in said database.

18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 10 including the step of recording blood type of each said blood product and said patient specimen.

19. (previously presented) A method according to claim 10 including the step of recording the specimen expiration date of each said segment and said patient specimen.

20. (currently amended) A system for managing blood products and tracking their movement between a central blood test facility and a plurality of hospitals wherein a computer is provided for processing data including a screen for displaying information, said system comprising:

managing means having first means including a database for entering information pertaining to each patient requiring a blood reserve, second means for entering blood type information for a blood specimen from each said patient, third means for recording a blood type for a blood product assigned to each said patient, fourth means for recording on said database results of comparing antigens and antibodies of each said patient specimen with said blood product;

fifth means for recording on said database results of remote serological cross-matching of each said patient specimen and said blood product; and

tracking means for tracking the location and